

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

Art Commission MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 26, 2010, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Members Present:

<input type="checkbox"/> Shelley Brittingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virginia Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donna DiFore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robbie Howell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rochelle Flynn	<input type="checkbox"/> Dane Johnson
<input type="checkbox"/> Victoria Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Justin

Staff Present:

Gina Kallman, Cultural Arts Supervisor
Debbie Zemke; Recreation Manager

Guests:

Laurie Haslund, Burien Arts
John Unbehend, Burien Arts President

Minutes

Meeting called to order. Minutes to be approved at the February meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Burien Arts

Burien Arts President John Unbehend discussed the current state of the organization. After a 40 year history they are looking for a change to better reach the community and create a better financial base. Their business model is from the early 60's and needs to be updated. Their goal is to bring an arts focus to the city in sync with the arts programming the city provides. They are currently encountering some financial challenges which they are addressing. The present board would like to continue to provide as much programming as possible at no charge to the public. The Highline Vintage Jazz Festival will provide free attendance for 17 and under, and Sing and Sketch, held Thursday evenings once a month at Burien Press, is a free event to encourage the public to make art and music in a relaxed environment. They would also like to reach out to the community to find out what the community wants as far as arts programming.

Burien Arts will be closing the Burien Art Gallery after their last show in March. They would like to find a more visible space with better foot traffic. They would like to continue their exhibition schedule with creative thinking and volunteer staff. Artist United, who has been trading gallery space for volunteer time, would like to keep a relationship with BA. The board has been visiting other local visual arts organizations to investigate different models. There was a discussion of the 2010 Arts and Culture Grant that BA was awarded for its exhibition schedule. Gina will forward Laurie the grant application to have it redone and have it submitted to the Arts Commission for the February meeting.

AREAS OF FOCUS REPORT

VISUAL ARTS

Arts Education— Donna discussed the banner project. Victoria received a \$400 MAD Grant and hopefully this funding will cover the cost of printing the banners and the hardware. Sylvester Middle School, Gregory Heights Elementary and Highline High School students are working on drawings for the banners. There may be up to 50 drawings submitted, with 10 chosen by the arts commission to have made into banners. The banners could be two sided and printed on either vinyl or silk. Donna is hoping to bring designs to the Arts Commission in March and take the drawings to Council in April.

Public Art—no report

Burien Aesthetic Master Plan—no report

Staff Report

Fall ArtTalk—SPACE—As a result of the ARTalk on “space” Debbie and Gina have been meeting with Burien Little Theatre and the Hi-Liners about using space in south building of the Burien Community Center. This type of collaboration was a major goal of the arts summit. The Hi- Liners are hoping to relocate their summer camp programs to the community center. The city would like to continue a once a year ARTalk with the local organizations.

SOCO Update—the January meeting focused on the changes made to the Kent Earthworks Park and a film made by the City of Kent documenting this art park.

Highline Arts Council Update—Gina shared information about the new Highline Arts Council. The arts council has been created by the school board to advise it on ways add more arts programming for all students, both programming that could be implemented now without funds, and programming that could be implemented in the future when more funds (hopefully) are available. The committee includes teachers, principals and community members. The committee will meet twice monthly until May. In May the committee will present its findings to the School Board.

Meeting adjourned